

REMARKS

Applicants have hereinabove canceled claims 1-24. Accordingly, upon entry of this preliminary amendment claims 25-59 will be pending in the presently submitted divisional application.

The enclosed application is a 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b) divisional application of Ser. No. 10/228,657 filed August 27, 2002 ("the parent application"). The parent application Ser. No. 10/228,657 has been allowed but has not yet issued. The issue fee for Ser. No. 10/228,657 is due on April 15, 2004. Thus, this divisional application filed herewith is co-pending with the parent application as required under 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b).

Applicants have submitted herewith pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b) a copy of the Declaration from the parent application, Ser. No. 10/228,657 with a cover letter explaining that the copy of the Declaration is for the attached divisional application.

Applicants have inserted on the first page after the title the related U.S. application information for the subject application. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added to the present application.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Following entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-24 will be cancelled and claims 25-59 will be pending.